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The Prisoner of War Internment Camp

(Imperial Ordinance No. 1182,  
promulgated on December 24, 1941)

Article 1.

The Prisoner of War Internment Camp is a place under the jurisdiction of the Minister of War for the internment of prisoners of war.

Article 2.

The Prisoner of War Internment Camp shall be established as necessity arises. Its location, opening and closure shall be decided upon by the Minister of War.

Article 3.

The Prisoner of War Internment Camp shall be administered by the Commander in Chief of an Army or a Garrison as provided for by the Minister of War and shall be superintended by the Minister of War.

Article 4.

There shall be instituted the following personnel in the Prisoner of War Internment Camp:

Commandant.

Staff members.

Non-commissioned officers and civil officials  
of "Hannin" rank.

Article 5.

The Commandant shall be under the command of the Commander in Chief of an Army or a Garrison and superintend affairs of the Camp.

Article 6.

Each staff member shall take charge of his assigned affairs by order of the Commandant.

Article 7.

Non-commissioned officers and civil officials of "Hannin" rank shall be engaged in routine affairs by order of their superiors.

Article 8.

The Commander in Chief of an Army or a Garrison may, if necessary, detail his subordinates to assist in the execution of affairs of the Camp.

Those who have been detailed in accordance with the provision of the preceding Paragraph shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Commandant of the Camp.

Supplementary Provision

The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from the date of promulgation.

Organization

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The Prisoner of War Information Bureau

(Imperial Ordinance No. 1246  
promulgated on December 29, 1941)

Article 1.

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau shall be under the jurisdiction of the Minister of War and take charge of the following affairs:

1. Investigation concerning the state of the detention, movement, release on parole, exchange, escape, hospitalization and death of prisoners of war and matters concerning the making and amending of their individual records.
2. Matters concerning the communication of conditions of prisoners of war.
3. Matters concerning the custody of articles and wills left by prisoners of war who have been released on parole, exchanged, escaped or died at hospital, dressing station or a Prisoner of War Internment Camp and forwarding of these articles to the bereaved families or other related persons.

4. Matters concerning the handling of money and articles presented to or sent by prisoners of war.
5. Matters concerning information obtained by the Army and the Navy with regard to the enemy war dead and the handling of articles and wills left by them and articles found in the battlefields.
6. Investigation into conditions of persons who have been taken prisoner in an enemy country and matters concerning the assistance to the communication between these persons and their families and other related persons in Japan.

Article 3.

The Prisoner of War Information Bureau shall be located in Tokyo.

Article 4.

There shall be instituted one Director and four Secretaries (Jimukan) in the Prisoner of War Information Bureau. However, the number of Secretaries (Jimukan) may be increased as may be needed.

The Director shall be appointed from among Generals and Secretaries from among Army or Navy commissioned officers below Major General or Rear Admiral or higher officials (Kotokan) of the Army or the Navy.

In addition to the Secretaries (Jirukan) mentioned in the first Paragraph, Secretaries (Jirukan) may be appointed by the Cabinet from among higher officials (Kotokan) of the Government offices concerned in accordance with the recommendation to the Throne by the Minister of War.

There shall be instituted some clerks (Shoki) in the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, who shall be of "Hannin" rank.

#### Article 4.

The Director shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Minister of War and superintend affairs of the Bureau.

#### Article 5.

The Director may request the Army and the Navy units concerned to furnish him with necessary information in connection with the affairs under his jurisdiction.

Article 6.

Each Secretary (Jimukan) shall take charge of his assigned affairs by order of the Director.

Article 7.

Clerks (Shoki) shall be engaged in routine affairs by order of their superiors.

Supplementary Provision

The present Ordinance shall be enforced as from the date of promulgation.

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